

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-6 in the application. In previous responses, the Applicants added Claims 7-12, amended Claims 1-5 and 7, and canceled Claims 1-2 without prejudice or disclaimer. In the present response, the Applicants have amended Claims 3, 7 and 10 and added Claims 13 and 14. Support for the amendment can be found, for example, in paragraph 7 and Figure 2 of the original specification. Accordingly, Claims 3-14 are currently pending in the application.

I. Formal Matters and Objections

The Examiner has objected to Claims 3-12 as containing informalities; namely “SNR” and “DCT” should be spelled out the first time they are used in the claims. In response, the Applicants have amended Claims 3, 7 and 10 to correct these inadvertent errors and appreciate the Examiner's diligence in finding and bringing these errors to their attention.

II. Rejection of Claims 3-12 under 35 U.S.C. §101

The Examiner has rejected Claims 3-12 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. In response, the Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 7 and 10 to comply with 35 U.S.C. §101. The Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the rejection and allow issuance of Claims 1, 7 and 10 and those Claims dependent thereon.

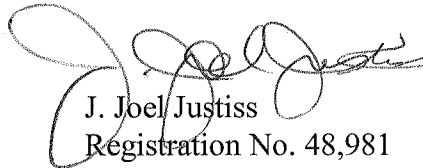
III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants now see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 3-14.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,

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